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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: ROBERT MICHAEL ABRAHAM, JR.

CASE NO. 05-17465

ROBERT MICHAEL ABRAHAM, JR.

PLAINTIFF

ADVERSARY NO.: 07-01036-DWH

JAMES L. BENNETT, ET AL

DEFENDANTS

ORDER

THIS CAUSE having come on to be heard on Defendants' Motion to Stay Adversary Proceeding and this Court, having reviewed the same, grants the Motion to Stay Adversary Proceeding and finds as follows:

- 1. This action was originally initiated on November 15, 2006 by Dr. Robert M. Abraham, Jr. in the Circuit Court of Madison County, Mississippi asserting claims of breach of contract and breach of restrictive covenant against Dr. James L. Bennett and Affordable Dentures Dental Laboratories, Inc.
- A Motion to Dismiss was incorporated into the Defendants' Answer filed in the Circuit Court of Madison County, Mississippi on January 5, 2007.
- 3. Subsequently, the bankruptcy estate was reopened by the Plaintiff in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Mississippi. A Motion to Dismiss was filed in this Court by the Defendants on March 23, 2007 asserting that the doctrine of judicial estoppel barred the Plaintiff's claims against the Defendants and requesting that this Court dismiss the Plaintiff's claims.

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4. A hearing was held on the Defendants' Motion to Dismiss on April 11, 2007.

This Court requested an evidentiary hearing be scheduled on the Motion to Dismiss and such

hearing was held on June 22, 2007.

5. On August 10, 2007, this Court entered an Order denying the Defendants'

Motion to Dismiss.

On August 20, 2007, the Defendants filed a Notice of Interlocutory Appeal and 6.

Motion for Leave to File Interlocutory Appeal with this Court.

The underlying adversary proceeding before this Court shall be stayed pending 7.

a ruling on the Defendants' Motion for Leave to File Interlocutory Appeal by the federal

district court and, if such leave is granted, pending the federal district court's ruling on the

merits of the interlocutory appeal.

8. A stay of this action is in the best interest of judicial economy and judicial

efficiency and will not result in prejudice or undue delay to any party.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Motion to Stay

Adversary Proceeding filed by the Defendants, James L. Bennett, D.D.S. and Affordable

Dentures Dental Laboratories, Inc. is well-taken and is hereby granted, and the above-styled

and numbered adversary proceeding is stayed by this Court until a ruling is rendered by the

federal district court as to the Defendants' Motion for Leave to File Interlocutory Appeal. If

such leave is denied by the district court, this stay will automatically dissolve at that time.

However, if such leave is granted by the district court, this stay will continue until the district

court renders a final ruling on the merits of interlocutory appeal.

SO ORDERED AND ADJUDGED this the 3 day of december, 2007.

United States Bankruptcy Court

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In Re: Robert Michael Abraham, Jr.; Case No. 05-17465

Robert Michael Abraham, Jr. v. James L. Bennett, et al;

Adversary No. 07-01036-DWH

Dear Judge Houston:

Enclosed please find an Order which I believe reflects your ruling of Tuesday, November 27, 2007.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

With kindest regards,

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